

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of Rohrbach et al.

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For: STAGED OIL FILTER  
INCORPORATING PELLETTIZED BASIC  
CONDITIONER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37. CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22202-3514  
Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment is submitted with the filing papers for a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53 (b).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and/or remarks. A Notice of Appeal was filed on September 25, 2003. Accordingly, a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is attached herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 the necessary extension fees identified in the attached Petition and any other fees necessary for entry of this amendment.

Please make the following amendments to the Application as set forth below.